

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Status of Pending Claims*

Claims 1-28 are currently pending.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement between the following groups of claims:

Group I (claims 1-16 and 27) directed to a granulocyte colony stimulating factor peptide comprising the moiety shown in claim 1;

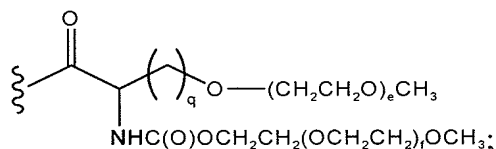
Group II (claims 17-24) directed to a method of making a granulocyte colony stimulating factor peptide;

Group III (claims 25 and 26) directed to a method of stimulating leukocyte production and a method of treating an infection in a subject; and

Group IV (claim 28) directed to a method of refolding an insoluble recombinant granulocyte colony stimulating factor protein.

Applicants' Election

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group 1 (i.e., claims 1-16 and 27) for further prosecution. In addition, with respect to the further species election requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, (i) a branched poly(ethylene) glycol residue; (ii) the species of R¹ provided in claim 3, specifically:



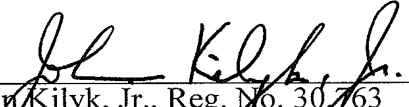
and (iii) threonine as the amino acid.

Claims 1-3 and 7-14, 16, and 27 encompass the selected species.

Applicants understand (and request) that, upon allowance of a claim directed to the elected subject matter, any non-elected claims that depend on, or otherwise contain the limitations of, the allowed claim will be rejoined and examined.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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